











Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

Overview for Senate Finance Public Safety Subcommittee

Secretary Carlos L. Hopkins

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Year One Accomplishments

- Executive Order 20 DMA Transfer
- Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program
- Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) Program
- Suicide Prevention Amongst Service Members, Veterans, and their Families
- Opening of new Virginia National Guard Headquarters DSCR
- Women Veterans Coordinator
- Veterans Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Coordinator
- Pentagon Benefits Office
- Southwest Virginia Veterans Coalition

Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – DVS Benefits

\$500,000 and 5 FTEs (Item 466)

- <u>4 Veterans Service Representatives (VSRs)</u> 1 per region
 - ➤ Meet rising workload and service demand
- 1 Claims Specialist at the Center of Excellence
 - >Quality check all claims submissions to the VA which are time sensitive
- Training costs for additional VSRs

Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)

\$634,000 and 8 FTEs
(Item 466)

- 8 resource specialists
 - > Ensure continuation of veterans homelessness efforts
 - ➤ Identify and meet demand for behavioral health and supportive services for veterans service members, and their families
 - Connect to resources and monitor progress
- First major staff expansion since 2008 launch

Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – DVS Education, Transition, & Employment

\$460,692 and 4 FTEs
(Item 466)

- <u>2 Regional VTAP Coordinators</u> Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia
 - Meet rising workload and service demand
- Regional V3/VTAP Coordinator for Western and Southwest Virginia

Credentialing and Training Manager for VETE

Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – DVS

Virginia War Memorial – \$513,800 (Central Appropriations)

- Funding for Virginia War Memorial building/ground maintenance
 - ≥28,000 square foot expansion opens September 2019

Agency Leadership/Infrastructure - \$140,000 and 1FTE (Item 468)

• <u>Funding for a new deputy director position</u> to assist with agency administration and oversight

Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – DMA

\$1.5Million for Tuition Assistance (Item 414)

- <u>Funding for tuition assistance for members of the Virginia National Guard</u> to help recruitment and retention of Guard members
 - ➤ Needed incentive in order to meet end strength goals

\$150,000 for Cyber-security Assessments (Item 416)

• <u>Funding to provide cyber-security assessments for local governments and state agencies.</u>

\$12Million to Improve Readiness Centers (C-33)

• <u>Funding (\$9 Million NGF and \$3Million in Bond Proceeds) to be used as a match for federal funding</u>

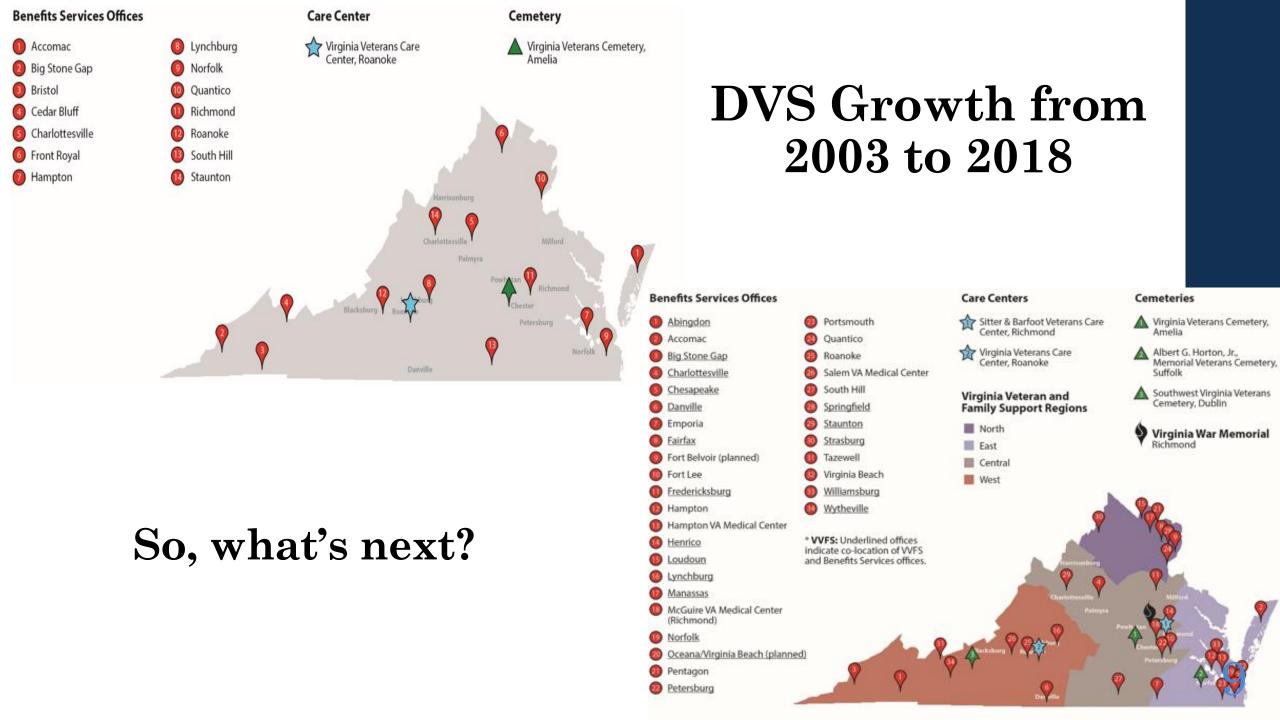
Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments

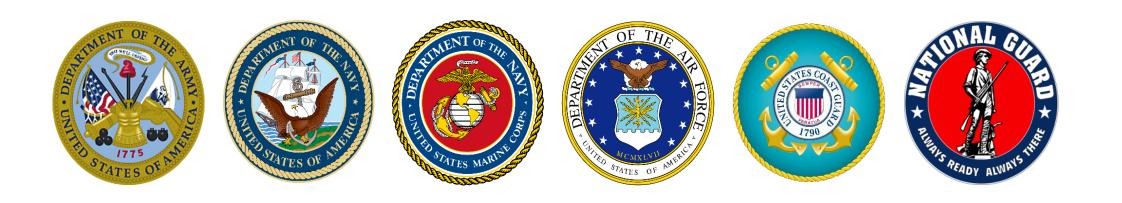
Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Total: 18 FTEs and \$1,734,692 GF

Department of Military Affairs (DMA) Total: \$1,650,000 GF

\$12 Million NGF and bond proceeds

Secretary of VADA TOTAL: \$3,384,692 GF \$12 Million NGF and bond proceeds





Questions?

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